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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CONTACTS WITH DRV EMBASSY PARIS ON RECOGNITION

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, JAPANESE COUNSELOR KATO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT DRV CHARGE NGUYEN TUAN LIEU SAID ON JULY 11 THAT HANOI HAD APPROVED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES TO BEGIN IN PARIS BETWEEN JULY 20 AND 25. LIEU SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HEAD OF THE DRV DELEGATION SINCE HE WAS DRV CHARGE. KATO REPEATED GOJ POSITION THAT IF LIEU WERE HEAD OF DRV DELEGATION, JAPANESE DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY SOMEONE BELOW THE RANK OF THE AMBASSADOR HERE, KATO, THE MINISTER OR PERHAPS SOMEONE FROM TOKYO. KATO REPORTED HIS CONVERSATION TO TOKYO, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY. HE SPECULATED THAT THE DELAY WAS CAUSED BY US/GOJ TALKS, AND THEY WOULD GET TOKYO APPROVAL SHORTLY.

2. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION PRIOR TO JULY 11, LIEU ASKED KATO WHY THE GOJ HAD CHOSEN PARIS AND NOT PEKING AS THE VENUE OF NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO RECOGNITION. LIEU NOTED THAT IF GOJ WISHED TALKS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, THIS COULD BE DONE IN
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PEKING. KATO TOLD LIEU THAT TOKYO HAD GIVEN NO

REASON, BUT HAD MADE IT CLEAR IT PREFERRED TALKS IN
PARIS.

3. KATO TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS AWARE THAT BRITISH TALKS
WITH DRV HAD TAKEN PLACE IN PEKING, BUT THOUGHT
TOKYO PREFERRED NOT TO COMPLICATE RELATIONS WITH
THE PRC BY USING PEKING FOR TALKS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE
ENTIRELY SMOOTH. OHIRA HAD INFORMED JOBERT DURING
HIS VISIT OF GOJ INTENTIONS AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES
OF GOF HOSPITALITY FOR TALKS. KATO COMMENTED THAT DRV
OBVIOUSLY WAS SHOWING THE DEGREE OF ITS DISSATISFACTION
WITH THE GOF IN NOT SENDING A MORE PRESTIGIOUS DIPLOMAT
TO PARIS TO CONDUCT THESE TALKS.

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